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Dear Ms. Hesse:

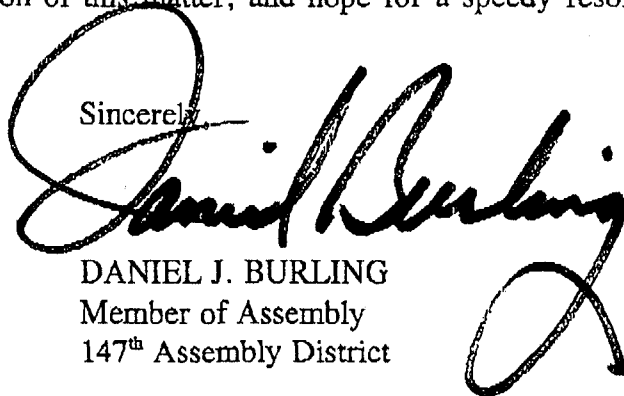
As a member of the New York State Assembly and small business owner, I strongly support the settlement of litigation associated with the case United States v. Microsoft.

The Country and especially New York State have suffered immeasurable financial losses due to a lagging economy and the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. It is apparent, now more than ever that we need to generate growth in all sectors of the economy. We need to encourage businesses, both small and large, to continue to strengthen the economic environment of the United States.

It is time to move forward and allow one of the world leaders in software technology to do what they do best, and continue to lead the United States economy toward the recovery we all expect and desperately need at this time. Settlement would be in the best interest of all parties involved including the taxpayers of this great country.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter, and hope for a speedy resolution to this most pressing matter.

Sincerely,



DANIEL J. BURLING
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